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Social Workers in the Movement

- KWRU member **Willie Baptist** was selected as the NASW-PA Chapter Citizen of the Year, Congratulations to him.
- The **Underground Railroad/Social Welfare Action Alliance (SWAA)** meets weekly. However, due to summer scheduling, please contact socialworkers@kwru.org for times and dates. Meetings are held in Room 580A of the Ritter Annex at Temple University (13th and Cecil B. Moore).
- We are conducting Pennsylvania statewide trainings on the Economic Human Rights-PA Campaign. Contact Kristin Smithnicely (Kristin@kwru.org) for more information if you'd like to organize a training. Read more about the EHR Campaign in this article that was in a SWAA newsletter (EHR-PA Column)
- We have a study group that meets every other Sunday. Currently, we are studying the writing of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Contact socialworkers@kwru.org for more information.
- Social Work Lobby Day was held April 8th in Harrisburg. For follow-up information, contact the NASW-PA Chapter.
- Speakers are available. Contact our speakers' bureau at socialworkers@kwru.org.

Social Work Connections

Contact us:
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Phone: 215-204-2164
FAX: 215-204-7686

Who We Are/What We Do: "Social Workers in the Movement" [Rich-Text Format, 200k]

University of the Poor School for Social Workers

National Association of Social Workers - Pennsylvania Chapter (NASW-PA)

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Dear Friends,

We are sending you this letter because you are one of the people who have demonstrated the understanding of the need for financial resources to help build a movement to end poverty in this country led by the poor.

Without your pledge of support we cannot do the very necessary work that we need to do at this time in history —amidst more devastating cuts in the federal budget, and while there are more and more efforts to criminalize and make the poor of this country invisible.

The obstacles we're up against are great. Weekly, KWRU houses and feeds homeless people, creates leaders from amongst the poor, challenges caseworkers in welfare offices, and sustains the existing leadership of this movement.

We ask that you please make a pledge this month. It is easy and safe and can be done online or through sending in your donation. Please also consider making a monthly pledge in support of the to day work going on Kensington and around the world.

Make a Pledge

Please consider making a monthly pledge to support the Kensington Welfare Rights Union and the Movement to End Poverty. If you are interested in making a pledge you can send a check or do so through the secure paypal donation subscription system. Or you can send in a monthly pledge form. (download here)

PayPal Payment Plan	$ 500 Eleanor Roosevelt

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Support the Kensington Welfare Rights Union through check or online via Paypal:

1) Send checks made out to the **Kensington Welfare Rights Union** to:
c/o KWRU
PO Box 50678
Philadelphia, PA
19132

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KWRU & the Labor Party

The KWRU is an affiliate of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, an affiliate member of the Labor Party.

KWRU sent a large delegation to the Labor Party Convention & Conference on July 25-28, 2002 in Washington, DC. KWRU was proud to contribute to this historic event and to be helping to build a party that actually represents the interests of poor and working people. Click here for a report on the Just Healthcare Panel, as well as photos of KWRU members participating in the convention. In preparation for the Convention the KWRU drafted a proposal on a National Housing Trust Fund

Labor Party Affiliates from across the country participated in the New Freedom Bus Tour: Economic Human Rights For All

Read reflections on the March for Economic Human Rights in August of 2003, by Bill Kane, National Co-Chair of the Labor Party

The KWRU is committed to organizing around the different campaigns of the Labor Party

- Just Health Care
- Free Higher Education
- National Housing Trust Fund

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Thank you for your support and interest in the Kensington Welfare Rights Union. We would love for you to get involved. Just fill out the following information (if a field is not relevant, just skip it) and click the "Submit" button. You will be hearing from us soon!

Name:

E-mail:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Affiliation:

Please check any of the following you are interested in:

- ☐ Philadelphia Reality Tour
- ☐ Volunteering/Internship/Workstudy
- ☐ Making a donation (food, clothes, computers, vehicles)
- ☐ Hosting a Speaker
- ☐ Getting involved with the March for Our Lives
- ☐ Joining our Mailing List

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The Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign vs. the United States.

[January 31, 2005] **The Inter American Commission on Human Rights** has granted the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Camaign's request for a hearing, and scheduled it for Mar. 4, 4.15-5.15 pm. Read Letter

The following is a formal request for a hearing by the PPEHRC Legal Committee to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States (OAS), for a hearing before that body. The PPEHRC accuses the US government of human rights violations on the issues of social security (welfare in the US), health care and housing. (Read the case in word form.

Upcoming Court Cases

Judge Modifies Stay Away Order From City Hall

On Monday March 16, 2004 five members of KWRU stood before the court facing charges of criminal trespass and a stay away order from city hall. When going before the judge our attorney entered a second motion to eliminate the stay away order from city hall on the grounds that it was unconstitutional, instead the judge modified the stay away order to allow use of City Hall during regular business hours. More

Next Court Date:
9am Wednesday July 14th
Rm 1003

Poor Peoples Economic Human Rights Campaign Documentation Project

This is a great project for poor people organizing in welfare offices, downsized workers and union members, caseworkers and students. Some social work professors are using this documentation as a class project.

We're looking for

- Compelling cases that can be brought to the attention of the UN
- Cases that represent the diversity of issues reflected in UDHR articles 23, 25, and 26
- Cases that represent the diversity of constituencies experiencing economic human rights abuses in this country.

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